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- 1. AT MEETING MAY 18 BETWEEN "CONCERNED PARENTS" AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF PARENTS GROUP FAMILIAR WITH THE BOLIVIAN LEGAL SYSTEM SUGGESTED THAT A PROVISION OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 1939 NARCOTICS LAW, NOT SUBSEQUENTLY REPEALED, PERMITTING THE DEPORTATION OF DRUG ADDICTS, REMAINS VALID. HE SAID THAT FOR A PRISONER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROVISION, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FIRST CHALLENGE THE LEGALITY OF THE TRIAL. WITH A FAVORABLE DECISION, THE EXECUTIVE COULD BE REQUESTED TO DEPORT THE PRISONER AS A "DRUG ADDICT."
- 2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WISHES TO HAVE EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISERS, WHO HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING BUT PRAISE IN OUR DISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CUSSIONS WITH THE GROUP, REVIEW THE PERTINENT LAWS. PLEASE REPORT ASAP ON THE LEGALITY OF ABOVE STRATEGY AND IF IT IS IN FACT LEGAL, WHY HAVE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS OF THE PRISONERS NOT PURSUED IT?

3. ALSO REQUEST LEGAL ADVISER'S VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF DEPORTATION ON ANY OTHER BASIS. CHRISTOPHER

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